

Community Preservation Act Committee (CPAC)
Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, March 31, 2015

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm by Mary Streeter, Chair, in the First Floor Meeting Room at the Town Hall.

Committee Members in Attendance: Mary Streeter, Chair; Paris Boice, Vice-Chair; Ellen Kosmer, Jim Oldham, Laura Lovett, Marilyn Blaustein, Jim Brissette.

Absent: Peter Jessop.

Staff in Attendance: Sonia Aldrich, David Ziomek

Agenda items discussed:

- Decide Movers and Speakers for Town Meeting
- Do final edit of CPA Report to Town Meeting
- Develop a timeline for completion of CPA Plan, updates from committee members
- Updates from past recipients of CPA funds
- Approve any minutes
- Schedule future meetings

Decide Movers and Speakers for Town Meeting

We generated the list below of potential speakers for Town Meeting. Mary will move Part A with a motion that reduces #4 by \$5000.

Article 17. Community Preservation Act (Community Preservation Act Committee)

- A. To see if the Town will appropriate a sum of ~~\$419,101~~ **\$414,101** for Community Preservation Act Purposes recommended by the Community Preservation Act Committee and that the following items 1–10 be appropriated or reserved from Community Preservation Act Funds as follows, and to authorize the Town to accept or convey property interests where applicable, as required under M.G.L. Chapter 44B, Section 12.

| | Project | Total Appropriation | Movers | Speakers |
|----------|--|--|--------|--------------------------------|
| | Affordable Housing | \$120,000 | Mary | |
| 1 | Amherst Affordable Housing Trust – Surveys, Appraisals and Related Studies | \$ 25,000 | Mary | Peter |
| 2 | Amherst Community Land Trust – Land Acquisition | \$95,000 | Mary | Peter, (Janet Keller) |
| | Historic Preservation | \$95,000 \$90,000 | | |
| 3 | Cook Fountain Consultant | \$20,000 | Mary | Michael Hanke, (Nate Malloy) |
| 4 | Amherst Historical Society – Strong House Archaeology Survey | \$25,000 \$20,000 | Mary | Michael Hanke, (Jim Wald) |
| 5 | Amherst Historical Society – Strong House Paint | \$25,000 | Mary | Michael Hanke, (Jim Wald) |
| 6 | Goodwin Memorial AME Zion Church = Archaeological Survey | \$25,000 | Mary | Michael Hanke, (Roger Wallace) |
| | Open Space | \$25,000 | | |

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| 7 | Surveys & Appraisals | \$25,000 | Mary | Paris (or Briony, Dave) |
| | Recreation | \$177,351 | | |
| 8 | North Amherst Field Improvements | \$50,000 | Mary | Jim Brissette (Linda Chalfant) |
| 9 | Amherst Baseball Inc. - Mill River Baseball Fields Improvements | \$127,351 | Mary | Jim Brissette (Amh Baseball, Inc.) |
| | Administrative | \$1,750 | | |
| 10 | CPAC Administrative Expenses | \$1,750 | | Mary |
| | Total for Part A | \$440,404 \$414,101 | | |
| | B. Open Space - Hall Property Acquisition | \$105,995 | Mary | Paris (Briony, Dave) |

Do final edit of CPA Report to Town Meeting

This report can go into the first mailing to Town Meeting members if we get copies done first thing in the morning. Sonia has agreed to make the copies. We made several minor changes to the draft report.

Develop a timeline for completion of CPA Plan, updates from committee members

Member representatives from feeder committees reported on status or challenges to having feeder committees giving us input into a new CPA Plan. Issues are related to need for a deadline and the Historical Commission has difficulty having a quorum due to the number of vacancies. Some members liked the Shutesbury Plan. Laura commented that the Greenfield Historic Preservation Plan was good. Paris urged a simple document containing sections (timeline, proposal letter, steps to get funding, goals, current status profile, where we would like to be in the future) that would be useful working document. Paris will give us a few paragraphs from the open space plan for the profile. Jim commented on the need for guidance from the feeder committees. It was agreed that it might be easier for the feeder committees to react if we first write a draft. In the next meeting we would like to develop an overall plan outline as well as work on the open space section.

Next Meetings: April 21, May 5, and May 26.

Updates

Dave Ziomek said the Town would submit a P.A.R.C. grant application in July for a design-build proposal for the North Common. He said there might be a recreation proposal for the Crocker Farm Preschool playground to make it accessible. Dave said the total cost might be in the ballpark of \$150,000+. He anticipates that these projects might be submitted to CPAC in June.

Approve any minutes:

Motion by Laura to approve minutes as amended; seconded by Ellen. Voted 7 - 0.

Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn at 8:15. Voted 7 – 0.

Documents Distributed

Agenda, 1 page

Draft Meeting Minutes, 1/20/15, 3 pages

Draft CPA Report to Town Meeting, 14 pages

Shutesbury CPA Plan - http://www.shutesbury.org/sites/default/files/offices_committees/community_preservation/CPC_FY15_Plan.doc

Respectfully submitted by Mary Streeter, acting clerk

Approved April 28, 2015